

TEBENKOF BAY
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Located on the West Coast of Kuiu Island.

When Tebenkof Bay was first examined on July 8 it was found to contain a fairly good run of sockeyes and a very few chums. During the three succeeding days there was a total catch of 413 sockeyes together with 205 chums. Stream had a normal supply of water and the sockeyes which entered the bay on the high night tides evidently escaped up stream, as there were very few seen in the mouth of the stream in the mornings, and no obstruction was found to prevent their escapement. From July 10 the run of sockeyes decreased gradually until August 1 when the run had completely disappeared.

Chums were in evidence on July 8 but there was a noticeable increase about July 14 and on July 17 there were 13 hauls made, catching 906 chums. The flow of water became very high July 19 and there were from 1000 to 5000 salmon escaped up stream, which marked the peak of the escapement of chums; in fact, the water was so high the salmon did not remain in the bay and the fishermen found fishing more profitable elsewhere. On July 25 the streams had again become so low the salmon could not escape beyond the high water. August 5 there were several thousand salmon inside of the dead line and on August 11 when the stream again began to rise the majority of the chums escaped up stream; however, they continued to enter the bay until about August 20, which marked the last of the chum run.

Humpbacks were first seen entering the bay July 28 and the number gradually increased but not many escaped until the stream rose above normal on August 11. On August 15 ten hauls were made catching 960 humpbacks; from August 12 to 23 the flow was again below normal and there was only an average of 250 escaping per day. From August 24 to September 1 the flow of water remained above normal and the last of the humpback run escaped up stream.

A few chums and cohoes were seen in the bay September 1; which evidently marked the late run of chums.

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